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SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION N HUMAN RIGHTS WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 19 IN FAVOR OF, TWO OPPOSED AND FIVE ABSTENTIONS.

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE FIRST COMMISSION AT ITS NINTH MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 1979, QUOTE:

"WHEREAS:

"THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (AG/DOC. 1101/79) CONCLUDES THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MEMBER COUNTRIES THE SITUATION DESCRIBES IN THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL REPORT HAS NOT APPRECIABLY IMPROVED;

"DISAPPEARANCES IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES HAVE PRATICULARLY AFFECTED THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN, EITHER BORN TO WOMEN AFTER THEIR 'DISAPPEARANCE' OR KIDNAPPED WITH THEIR PARENTS - A METHOD OF REPRESSION WHICH THE COMMISSION FINDS TO BE CRUEL AND INHUAN;

"TORTURE IN SOME COUNTRIES APPEARS TO BE A COMMON PRACTICE;

"DETENTION OF PERSONS WITHOUT TRIAL CONTINUES TO BE PRACTICED OFTEN THROUGH THE DEVICE OF INDEFINITE MAINTENANCE OF A STATE OF SIEGE;

"VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE STILL CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS AFFLICTING THE CONSCIENCE OF PEOPLES AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS;

"THERE REMAIN IN CHILE SERIOUS LIMITATIONS ON THE EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

"ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, THE NUMBER OF DENUNCIATIONS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY HAS DIMINISHED IN QUANTITIATIVE TERMS, BUT VERY MANY OF THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION STILL PERSIST, AND

"THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS LAST REGULAR SESSION.

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

"RESOLVES:

"1. TO CONGRATULATE THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE WORK IT HAS DONE SINCE THE LAST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO NOTE ITS ANNUAL REPORT WITH GREAT INTEREST.

"2. TO CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA FOR HAVING TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN INVITING THE COMMISSION TO VISIT THE COUNTRY, AND FOR THE COOPERATION IT PROVIDED DURING THE VISIT, AND TO TAKE NOTE OF THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE COMMISSION'S SPECIAL REPORT.

3. TO DECLARE THAT THE PRACTICE OF DISAPPEARANCE IS AN AFFRONT TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE HEMISPHERE, WHICH IS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO OUR COMMON TRADITIONAL VALUES AND TO THE DECLARATIONS AND AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE AMERICAN STATES, AND TO ENDORSE THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIN FOR PROMPT CLARIFICATION OF THE STATUS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

"4. TO ENDORSE THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATIONS ON TORTURE, AND TO REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR COMPLETION O AN OAS CONVENTION DEFINING TORTURE AS AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME, PURSUANT TO AG/RES. 368 (VIII-0/78).

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"5. TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO INTENSIFY ITS ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES NECESSARY EFFECTIVELY TO PRESERVE AND ENSURE THE FULL EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING CLARIFICATION F THE SITUATION OF THOSE DETAINED OR DISAPPEARED, THE RETURN OF EXILES TO THEIR COUNTRY, LIFTING OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE PROMPT REINSTATEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

"6. TO REITERATE THE NECESSITY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS, AND TO URGE THAT GOVERNMENT TO DEMONSTRATE ITS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY SETTING A DATE CERTAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR ITS VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY, AS AGREED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY IN SEPTEMBER 1977, IN A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED JULY 2, 1979.

"TO REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY TO LIFT THE STAGE OF SIEGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND PERMIT ALL EXILES TO RETURN.

"7. TO REITERATE ITS APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION IN ITS PREVIOUS REPORT, AGAIN TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING THE COMMISSION TO VISIT THE COUNTRY, AND TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS ARE PLANNED TO BE HELD IN 1981, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCLUSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS SET FORTH IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

"8. TO REQUEST THE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, PARAGUAY, AND URUGUAY, AND TO TEPORT THEREON TO THE NEXT REGULAR ESSSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."
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